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Meeting of the Interdepartmental
Group on START Policy

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Negotiator
Ambassador Edward Rowny

The IG discussed the Cohen-Nunn build-down proposal and how best to study that subject in the context of our START policy.

The IG then discussed the review of our basic START position in preparation for the June 7 NSC meeting. It was agreed that the question of revising our START proposal should be handled on a package, rather than piecemeal, basis. Agencies are to provide their proposed packages later this week for inclusion in the memorandum prepared for the NSC. The missile-bomber aggregate and ICBM RV subceiling issues were then discussed, and it was agreed that agency positions on these issues should be reflected in the packages they propose.

The draft START treaty annexes were discussed next. The IG commissioned OSD to prepare a paper on whether or not to count as a heavy bomber any aircraft which is equipped for carrying a long range cruise missile. The IG also tasked the CVG to prepare a paper on the ICBM launcher deployment area question in parallel with the similar paper they are preparing for INF. The IG also decided to drop the "normal construction schedule" language from Annex 1, paragraph 22

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but to provide Ambassador Rowny with contingency instructions
in case the Soviets raise this issue. The Working Group was
tasked to prepare a paper on this subject. Outstanding
issues on the main text of the draft-treaty were also
briefly reviewed. DOD and CIA were tasked to prepare a
paper on concealment measures for the next IG.

The question of the timing required to support adequately
the June 6 NSC meeting was discussed. It was agreed that
the IG would send the necessary papers to the White House by
May 27. The meeting then concluded with a briefing by JCS
on the military utility of SLCMs.

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